BUREAU OF STATISTICS

SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLLS & HOURS

January 2007

1 Yukon Employees (based on employer payroll counts)

- The number of employees* in Jan., 2007 15,858
- The number of employees* in Jan., 2006 15,707
- The difference was an increase of 151
- As a percentage, the increase was 1.0%

* Does not include self-employed workers

Along with this month's release, Statistics Canada made minor revisions to SEPH data back to 2001.

In January of 2007, the preliminary number of employees* in the Yukon totalled 15,858. There were 1,676 in Goods-producing Industries, a decrease of 11 employees, or 0.7%, over the January 2006 figure of 1,687. In January of this year, there were 14,018 in Service-producing Industries, an increase of 264 employees, or 1.9%, from the January 2006 figure of 13,754.

2 About the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours

There are two perspectives on Yukon employment. One, based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS), provides the perspective from a sample of households reporting experience of employment and unemployment. The other, based on the Survey of Employment, Payrolls and Hours (SEPH), provides a perspective on the number of employees based on employer administrative payroll records. The LFS is generally well known and is the focus of a regular series of monthly publications by the Yukon Bureau of Statistics. SEPH is less well-known but has the advantage of being a monthly census of all in-scope businesses maintained by the Business Register Division of Statistics Canada and from a list of all businesses registered in Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's Business Number program with one or more active payroll deduction accounts. Public Institutions Division of Statistics Canada provides information for general government services at the territorial level. *However, those enterprises primarily involved in agriculture, fishing and trapping, private household services, religious organizations and military personnel of defense services are excluded.*[1] It should also be noted that **SEPH does NOT include self-employed workers** in any of its figures. In January 2007, the Labour Force Survey estimated 2,800 self-employed Yukoners.

Comparisons between the LFS estimates of employment and the SEPH report of the number of employees will reveal differences which are largely due to the exclusion of self-employed workers and employees having more than one job at a time. For example, it is entirely possible to have SEPH report 17,000 paid employees in a month which could be filled by 8,500 workers each working two jobs; or 15,000 working one job and 500 working two jobs and 333 working three jobs. Historically, the number of multiple job holders reported by the LFS has varied between 700 and 1,400 with an average of just over 1,000 from 1992 through 2005. What we do not know from the LFS is how many jobs multiple job holders held in a given month.

The most current month's figures released are always preliminary and are revised the following month. Caution should be used when using the most current month's figures as the revisions are sometimes significant.

[1] See http://www.statcan.ca/cgi-bin/imdb/p2SV.pl?Function=getSurvey&SDDS=2612&lang=en&db=IMDB&dbg=f&adm=8&dis=2#top for further information.

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3 Goods- and Service-Producing Industries

		Total Number of Employees*	Goods-Producing Industries	Construction	Service-Producing Industries	Trade	Transportation and Warehousing	Information and Cultural Industries
2007	**Jan (p)**	**15,858**	**1,676**	**791**	**14,018**	**2,087**	**914**	**434**
2006	Dec (r)	16,566	1,891	903	14,481	2,159	930	435
	Nov (r)	17,085	2,317	1,205	14,552	2,152	925	441
	Oct (r)	17,606	2,557	1,321	14,836	2,100	954	441
	Sep (r)	18,385	2,423	1,138	15,599	2,122	1,009	440
	Aug (r)	18,246	2,454	1,147	15,402	2,060	1,043	455
	Jul (r)	18,581	2,463	1,151	15,731	2,120	1,066	453
	Jun (r)	18,643	2,391	1,184	15,946	2,108	997	507
	May (r)	17,416	2,043	961	15,143	2,001	949	535
	Apr (r)	16,110	1,740	837	14,169	1,813	921	514
	Mar (r)	16,301	1,871	1,004	14,199	1,775	910	521
	Feb (r)	15,991	1,704	954	14,046	1,982	884	509
	Jan (r)	15,707	1,687	940	13,754	2,006	884	511
2005	Dec (r)	16,576	1,716	923	14,588	2,252	884	x
	Nov (r)	16,368	1,578	951	14,502	2,241	892	x
	Oct (r)	17,019	1,836	1,098	14,881	2,172	922	x
	Sep (r)	17,868	1,942	1,143	15,609	2,282	951	x
	Aug (r)	17,868	1,991	1,143	15,505	2,320	977	x
	Jul (r)	18,180	2,036	1,110	15,754	2,291	973	x
	Jun (r)	18,541	1,934	1,089	16,241	2,388	959	x
	May (r)	16,640	1,467	798	14,873	2,238	924	x
	Apr (r)	15,407	1,166	581	13,960	2,151	904	x
	Mar (r)	15,414	1,004	509	14,148	2,117	905	x
	Feb (r)	15,220	915	478	14,079	2,171	860	x
	Jan (r)	14,931	913	471	13,800	2,092	850	x
2004	Jan (r)	14,360	801	354	13,362	2,162	1,049	509
2003	Jan	14,637	935	496	13,598	2,258	939	584
2002	Jan	14,224	873	530	13,263	1,928	876	602
2001	Jan	13,876	930	619	12,931	1,826	788	587
2000	Jan	13,637	1,155	574	12,428	1,775	669	510
1999	Jan	14,283	1,161	590	13,069	2,152	652	670
1998	Jan	12,789	1,380	668	11,226	1,769	542	487
1997	Jan	11,806	1,187	461	10,491	1,530	464	512
1996	Jan	10,434	1,089	529	9,312	1,634	387	404
1995	Jan	11,097	1,087	591	9,830	1,686	1,039	419
1994	Jan	11,343	948	415	10,395	2,065	982	410
1993	Jan	10,730	1,039	381	9,691	1,744	1,007	410
1992	Jan	10,630	1,142	495	9,488	1,488	1,435	422
1991	Jan	10,040	1,277	763	8,763	1,674	980	395
Average Jan 1991 to 2007		**12,964**	**1,134**	**569**	**11,731**	**1,875**	**850**	**492**

*see note on page 4 for a list of what is included in 'Total'.

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

x = suppressed for confidentiality
(p) = preliminary
(r) = revised

- There were 15,858 employees in the Yukon in January of this year. The average number of employees in the Yukon for January 1991-2006 was 12,783; the January '07 total of 15,858 is an increase of 3,075, or 24.1% over the January average.
- The seasonal cycle in the Goods-producing sector sees more employees during the June through October time period than during the November through May months. The number of employees peaks in the July/August months, and 2006 numbers are consistent with historical fluctuations observed in this sector.

4 Service-Producing Industries, continued...

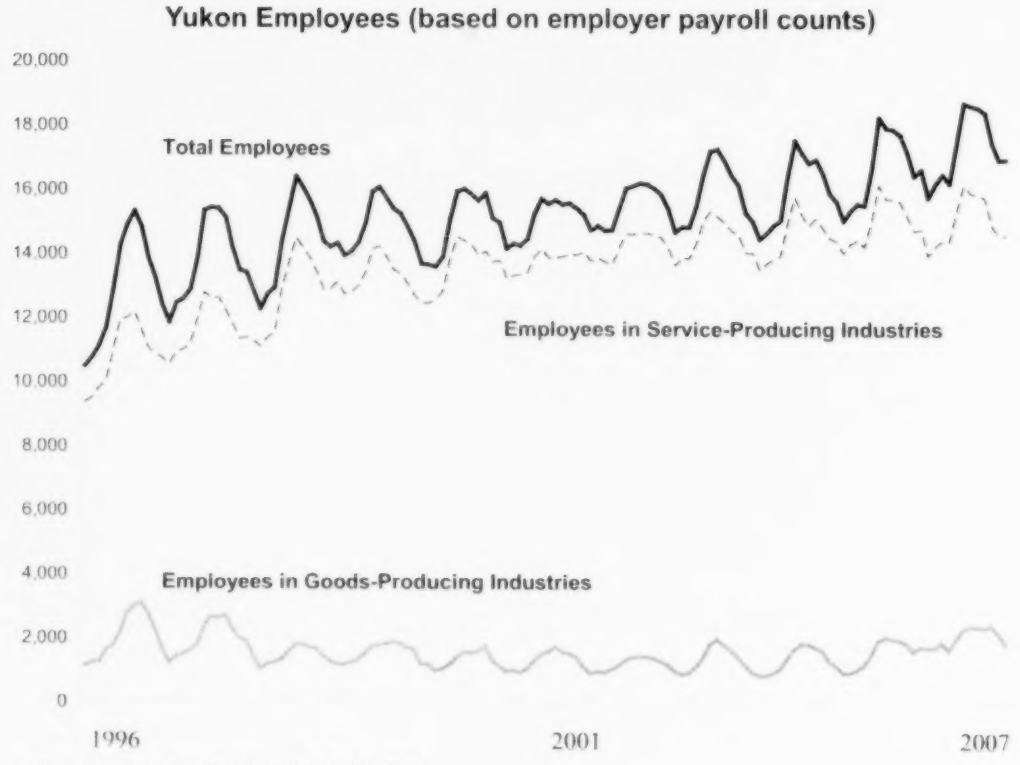
		Finance and Insurance	Administrative and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	Educational Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Accommodation and Food Services	Public Administration*
2007	**Jan (p)**	**330**	**260**	**1,350**	**936**	**1,211**	**5,098**
2006	Dec (r)	314	242	1,401	890	1,273	5,359
	Nov (r)	333	261	1,396	920	1,320	5,308
	Oct (r)	436	269	1,352	896	1,570	5,316
	Sep (r)	433	318	1,218	882	2,100	5,464
	Aug (r)	434	324	553	944	2,270	5,603
	Jul (r)	369	308	810	962	2,282	5,611
	Jun (r)	353	267	1,335	998	2,198	5,431
	May (r)	314	288	1,346	994	1,707	5,401
	Apr (r)	325	223	1,345	950	1,516	5,174
	Mar (r)	306	209	1,411	965	1,455	5,200
	Feb (r)	300	223	1,360	949	1,427	4,998
	Jan (r)	316	205	1,280	947	1,364	4,794
2005	Dec (r)	395	194	1,333	917	1,451	5,140
	Nov (r)	331	199	1,337	906	1,533	5,007
	Oct (r)	337	208	1,316	945	1,754	5,213
	Sep (r)	345	225	1,157	946	2,209	5,374
	Aug (r)	383	274	510	910	2,372	5,502
	Jul (r)	423	283	775	914	2,408	5,460
	Jun (r)	391	312	1,276	986	2,261	5,388
	May (r)	358	238	1,310	944	1,567	5,230
	Apr (r)	311	209	1,329	921	1,289	4,949
	Mar (r)	336	212	1,391	928	1,251	5,046
	Feb (r)	332	202	1,377	931	1,200	5,083
	Jan (r)	313	209	1,281	912	1,134	5,181
2004	Jan (r)	300	208	1,216	954	1,032	4,682
2003	Jan	284	185	1,207	929	1,301	4,732
2002	Jan	312	170	1,229	898	1,085	5,008
2001	Jan	303	166	1,273	917	1,129	4,740
2000	Jan	281	159	1,549	797	1,132	4,506
1999	Jan	269	160	1,541	745	1,265	4,568
1998	Jan	283	168	1,311	787	1,097	3,787
1997	Jan	264	141	1,284	935	1,026	3,511
1996	Jan	248	134	1,183	929	806	2,787
1995	Jan	230	143	1,183	799	841	2,773
1994	Jan	250	129	1,166	712	869	3,190
1993	Jan	227	136	1,206	693	773	2,851
1992	Jan	221	141	1,120	507	709	2,827
1991	Jan	245	183	764	200	767	2,852
Average Jan 1991 to 2007		**275**	**170**	**1,244**	**800**	**1,032**	**3,993**

** Public administration includes all levels of government (federal, territorial, municipal and First Nations). Public Administration does not include teachers, college instructors etc. or health care workers who are captured in the Educational Services and Health and Social Service industries respectively.*

Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023 *(p) = preliminary (r) = revised*

- The Service-producing sector is also influenced by seasonal fluctuations; there are more employees in the summer months, as would be expected with increased tourism traffic.
- From 1991 to 2006, on average for the month of January, the Public Adminstration sector has accounted for 30.7% of all Yukon employees. In January 2007, the number of employees in Public Administration (5,098) was consistent with this historical trend, accounting for 32.1% of all Yukon employees.

5 Yukon Employees, January 1996 to January 2007



Source: Statistics Canada CANSIM Table 281-0023

- The above graph highlights the cyclical nature of employment in the Yukon, with increased employees through the summer months and a decrease through the winter.
- The graph also highlights that gains in the number of employees over the last 10 years have mainly been in the Service-producing Industries.
- Notable as well is the anomaly of the number of Goods-producing sector employees in the first six months of 2006. The number of employees in this sector held relatively steady throughout the winter months of 2005/2006 without experiencing the winter contraction historically experienced in this sector. This year, the Goods-producing sector experienced typical summer growth and is now beginning winter-time contraction.

Note: In addition to the industries listed, 'Total Number of Employees' includes unclassified industries as well as industries with suppressed individual numbers. Under Goods-Producing Industries, this includes: Forestry, Logging and Support; Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction; Utilities; and Manufacturing. Under Service-Producing Industries, this includes: Real Estate and Rental and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Management of Companies and Enterprises; Arts, Entertainment and Recreation; and Other Services (except Public Administration).

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